

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JANUARY 10, 2022.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wierenga at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer for guidance by Jim Wierenga

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: Jim Wierenga, Ryan Kidd, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, Kirsten Manthei

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent

Absent: None

**#220110-01 - Agenda as presented for January 10, 2022**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Gary Veldink, to add an item to the agenda for a rezoning.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Kirsten Manthei, Ryan Kidd

Nays: Michael Bosch

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#220110-02 – Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [December 1, 2021](#) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- b. [December 13, 2021](#) Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

**#220110-03 – Public Comments for items remaining on the agenda**

There were public comments.

**#220110-04 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Gary Veldink, to grant the following.

- a. Approval of minutes of the previous board meeting on [December 13, 2021](#).
- b. Approval of the regular [monthly bills and GL Report](#).
- c. Approval Of The Layout Of The Preliminary Plat Of Rivers Edge Estates No. 1, P.P. # 70-14-04-200-010, P.P. # 70-14-04-200-026, And P.P. # 70-14-04-200-025, Located At 9408 28th Ave., 9250 28th Ave., And 2735 Fillmore St., Zoned Low Density Residential (LDR), Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan. ([staff report](#), [overall plan](#), [plat map](#), [application](#), [sidewalk compliance letter](#), [streetlight petition](#))

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#220110-05 – (REZ2202) Ordinance 2022-02: Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 20 ([staff report](#), [list of Georgetown Schools](#), [comparing other municipalities](#), [other municipality school ordinances](#))

GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
(Ordinance No. 2022-02)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Charter Township of Georgetown, held at the Township Offices on January 10, 2022, the following Ordinance/ordinance amendment was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Becky Steele, and was seconded by Township Board Member John Schwalm, upon recommendation from the Planning Commission:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 20

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Article I. The Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to revise Chapter 20 as follows:

**Sec. 20.4 Site Design Standards; (U) K-12 Schools**

- (1) ~~Minimum site size for elementary schools shall be 20 acres, middle schools shall be 30 acres, and high schools shall be 40 acres. Where a combination exists, the greater land area shall apply.~~ **Minimum site size for schools shall be 5 acres.**

Article II. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article III. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall be found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, and the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after the date that this Ordinance/ordinance amendment or a summary thereof appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment was as follows:

YEAS: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Kirsten Manthei, Ryan Kidd,  
Michael Bosch  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance/ordinance amendment adopted by the Township Board for Georgetown Charter Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Kidd Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

#220110-06 – 2022 Resolution to Establish Polling Locations (2021 Precinct Map)

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by Ryan Kidd, to approve the Resolution to Establish Polling Locations, as recommended by the Finance Committee, as follows:

Note: At the January 26, 2021 meeting, the Election Commission approved a new precinct map, which now includes the new County Commission districts. The facilities for polling locations have been previously used as polling locations. However, Precinct 11 was moved from Waterford Place to the same location as Precinct 15, Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 1260 Chicago Dr., Jenison 49428. The reason was because during the 2020 elections, Waterford Place could not be used as a polling location due to Covid restrictions. The facilities were chosen based on the ability for each to accommodate the newly increased number of registered voters for their designated precincts. All authorized agents of the facilities have already signed agreements designating their facility has compliant with the criteria listed in the law for a polling location and to allow their facilities to be used as polling locations until December 31, 2022. New agreements will be obtained in 2023.

GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP Resolution to Establish Polling Locations Resolution No. 220110-06

WHEREAS, Section 661 of Michigan Election Law, Public Act 116 of 1954, MCL 168.661, provides for township boards to establishing polling locations and provides the criteria for a polling location; and

WHEREAS, The Township Board of Georgetown has determined that establishing polling locations for the precincts as follows is appropriate and that these polling locations all meet the criteria as stipulated in Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.661, as attested to by authorized agents of each facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgetown Charter Township Board hereby establishes polling locations for newly created precincts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as follows:

Precincts Polling Locations

Precinct #1 and #3	Wellspring Church, 4466 Bauer Road, Hudsonville 49426
Precinct #2	Cottonwood Heights CRC, 1101 Cypress Dr., Jenison 48428
Precinct #4 and #9	Fair Haven Church, 2900 Baldwin St., Hudsonville 49426
Precinct #5	Ridgewood CRC, 1571 Baldwin St., Jenison 49428
Precinct #6	Georgetown Township Office, 1515 Baldwin St., Jenison 49428
Precinct #7	Georgetown Bible Church, 4114 Baldwin St., Hudsonville 49426
Precinct #8 and #12	Chapel Pointe, 3350 Baldwin St., Hudsonville 49426
Precinct #10	Holy Cross Church, 1481 Baldwin St., Jenison 49428
Precinct #11 & #15	Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 1260 Chicago Dr., Jenison 49428
Precinct #13	Fellowship Reformed Church, 6610 36 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Hudsonville 49426
Precinct #14	Rosewood Reformed Church, 2795 Rosewood St., Jenison 49428
Precinct #16 and #17	Jenison Bible Church, 6360 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Hudsonville 49426

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Township Board directs the Township Superintendent to sign any and all of the associated agreements and directs new Voter ID cards to be sent to registered voters in the Township as prescribed by Election Law (for all changes listed in Election Law) and approves the associated costs for all such mailings.

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member Gary Veldink, and second offered by Township Board Member Ryan Kidd.

Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, Kirsten Manthei, Ryan Kidd

Upon roll call vote the following voted no: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY and the Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

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Ryan Kidd, Georgetown Township Clerk

Additional notes: As per Election Law, an updated Voter Identification Card must be issued to every voter affected by the following:

- A permanent voting district change;
- A new precinct or polling location;
- A new Congressional, State Senate, State House or County Commissioner District.

### **#220110-07 – Request to Pave the Shoulders of 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Moved by Gary Veldink, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the installation of an additional 3 feet of paved shoulder to both sides of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from 44<sup>th</sup> Street to Ponstein Drive, when the Ottawa County Road Commission re-surfaces the road, which is currently scheduled for 2024, as recommended by the Utilities Committee.

[Email from Jeff Mulder](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**#220110-08 – Senior Transportation Public Notice**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to authorize the publication of the Senior Transportation [Public Notice](#), as recommended by the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**#220110-09 – Fire Department Sign Request**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the low bid from D-Sign, of \$25,594.50, to upgrade the signs at Station 1 (44th Street) and Station 3 (36th Avenue) to digital display boards, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

[Fire Department sign request](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**#220110-10 – (REZ2201) (Ordinance 2022-01): To change from Medium/High Density Residential (MHR) to Neighborhood Service Commercial (NS) part of a parcel of land (resulting in the entire parcel becoming NS) described as P.P. # 70-14-21-400-092, located at 2739 Port Sheldon St., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan. ([staff report, request](#))**

**Georgetown Chapter Township  
Ottawa County, Michigan  
(Ordinance No. 2022-01)**

At a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Township offices on January 10, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Becky Steele made a motion to adopt this Ordinance because the proposed zoning designation is **consistent** with the Master plan and the Future Land Use Map for the area; the area is **capable** of sustaining the uses within the NS district without additional public funds; the uses allowed within the NS district are **compatible** with the neighboring uses and to adopt the staff report as finding of fact, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Gary Veldink:

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, AND MAP**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GEORGETOWN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1. The map of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**(REZ2201) (Ordinance 2022-01):** To change from Medium/High Density Residential (MHR) to Neighborhood Service Commercial (NS) part of a parcel of land (resulting in the entire parcel becoming NS) described as P.P. # 70-14-21-400-092, located 2739 Port Sheldon St., Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Michigan.

ARTICLE 2. Severability. In the event that any one or more sections, provisions, phrases, or words of this Ordinance shall be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the enforceability of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, or other words of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Except as specified above, the balance of the Georgetown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and map shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 4. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of publication after the adoption of this Ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with the law.

The vote in favor of adopting this Ordinance was as follows:

- Yeas: Jim Wierenga, Gary Veldink, Becky Steele, John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, Kirsten Manthei, Ryan Kidd
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by Georgetown Charter Township Board at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Kidd  
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk

Note: The Planning Commission recommended approval.

**#220110-11 – July 2022 Constituent Survey - Themes/Objectives**

Moved by Kirsten Manthei, seconded by Michael Bosch, to approve a July General Community Survey with broader themes and qualitative questions, utilizing the July Tax Bill as the primary mode of communication/awareness, for the reasons as follows:

1. **Inclusionary: gaining feedback on a broader scope of issues broadens our constituent base and engagement.** Since I joined the team in August I have observed patterns in what our constituents have spoken/wrote to us on- these themes are table stakes for a township board to address; (i.e. Farmers Market, Library polices, liquor licensing of businesses, Township maintenance of roads and parks, freedom of choice resolutions). It is imperative that we gain the broader perspective of our constituents as we consider future votes and proposals centered on these themes.
2. **Empathy and Building Trust with our constituents:** 2020-2021 is different than the 2022 outlook. By pivoting to gaining broader concerns of our people will build trust. Our people including us are experiencing tremendous rates of inflation across the table- including the items that are the essentials (Gas, Utilities, Milk/Eggs). Although we as board members cannot control inflation, we can control the other elements that effect the household, such as our tax rates, how we spend or perhaps in this year “Not Spend” on the non-essentials.
3. **Pilot tool for ongoing engagement of our community:** In a recent MAC (December issue) publication regarding an article titled “Finding unity in the age of covid”, commissioner of the 9<sup>th</sup> district Phil Kuyers, shared and confirmed that part of the Ottawa county strategy is to engage the public twice a year via a newsletter/communication. I paraphrase “to give residents direct and clear information on what their county government does on a daily basis”.
  - For us here in GT, we can gage the responses of this July Survey and if we yield great engagement and feedback- we can build this out as an ongoing strategy. All of this under a very similar umbrella of engagement/trust/unity and partnership that our Ottawa County officials are doing with our residents at the higher level.
4. **Goal Setting, while partnering with the people:** Themes that show statistical significance from the survey should be considered as board goals for the next 2 years. All of you will be in these seats until 2024. There is still 2 years of strategic goal setting and voting to be done- and to have a most recent pulse of your community will be key to success. This goes for whoever lands this seat, I presently hold, in this November election.

It was clarified that the committees would compile ideas for questions and submit them to the Services Committee to draft the survey.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#220110-12 – Update from the Superintendent regarding burials and cemetery sales, and redistricting maps****#220110-13 – Public Comment**

There were public comments.

**#220110-14 – Discussion and General information**

Discussion took place.

**#220110-15 - Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Gary Veldink, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

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Ryan Kidd, Clerk